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MAY CHOOSE WASHINGTON

As Place For Peace Conference in Far East.

ROOSEVELT IS PLEASED.

Believed That United States Was Largely Instrumental in Setting Movement on Foot—Washington Gets Well Authenticated Report.

Washington, March 29.—The apparently well authenticated report from abroad that peace negotiations have at last actually begun between Russia and Japan is received in Washington with much gratification, particularly by President Roosevelt. Just what part the United States has played in bringing about this result will probably not be revealed until the treaty of peace shall have been signed.

It is no secret, however, that on several occasions President Roosevelt has stated that this government would be pleased at any time to act as intermediary should the belligerents request it. It is quite likely, too, that stronger hints were thrown out.

During the past five weeks there have been frequent interchanges of despatches between the state department and Minister Grieco at Tokio and Ambassador McCormick at St. Petersburg. There is some talk of Washington being selected as the place for the final conclusion of peace.

PRISONERS ARRIVING.

Already 20,000 Russians Have Reached Japan from Mukden.

Tokio, March 29.—Twenty thousand Russian prisoners taken about Mukden have already arrived in Japan. The revised statements of the Japanese casualties at Mukden and Tieling place the number at 57,000. The flags which were captured at Mukden have been presented to the mikado.

General Miyeda, who was wounded at Mukden, is dead.

GOVERNMENT IS FIRM.

Russia Is Making It Hard For The Soldiers Who Don't Want to Go to War.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—The government is taking a firm stand against recalcitrant soldiers who have refused to go to war. At Platonovsk forty soldiers who had refused to proceed to Manchuria were tried by court martial. All were found guilty and the two leading leaders were shot. The other thirty-eight were sentenced to eighteen years penal servitude in chains.

LOAN OVERSUBSCRIBED.

Great Crowd Besieged Russian Banks to Get Issue of Japanese Loan.

London, March 29.—The entire issue of fifteen million pounds of the Japanese loan was oversubscribed by noon today. Great crowds besieged the three banks through which the loan was issued.

HAY IS MUCH BETTER.

Holder of State Portfolio Is Fast Regaining Health on Ocean Trip.

Gibraltar, March 29.—Secretary of State Hay, who was reported to be in a serious condition when he left New York, arrived here this morning on the White Star liner, Oretic, after a pleasant voyage. Mr. Hay's condition is much better and he is improving every day. He will start on a tour of the town at 10 o'clock this morning.

By Mr. Hay's own request no official reception was tendered him on his arrival here.

HART THE WINNER.

Louisville Fighter Put It over the "Black Giant."

San Francisco, March 29.—Hart won in the 20th round in his match with Johnson last night, after a hard and fast contest. This places Hart in line for a fight with Champion Jeffries.

MAJOR HAPPY DEAD.

Commander of Cavalry Squadron at Fort Ethan Allen Victim of Pneumonia.

Burlington, March 29.—Major Curtis B. Hapkin, commanding the second squadron, 15th Cavalry at Fort Ethan Allen, died today after a three weeks' illness with pneumonia and complications. He was born in New York in 1836 and graduated from West Point. He leaves a widow and two children.

Mrs. H. E. Chase, a native of Franklin, died here today of softening of the brain, aged fifty years. She moved here from St. Albans two years ago. She leaves a son, M. B. Chase, and two daughters, Mrs. C. C. Kinney of Grand Isle and Mrs. E. M. Chase of this city. The remains will be taken to St. Albans tomorrow.

Death of Col. J. L. Greene.

Hartford, Conn., March 29.—Col. Jacob L. Greene, president of the Connecticut Mutual Fire company, died today of apoplexy, aged 65 years.

Don't forget the whist party in the I. O. F. hall Thursday evening at 7:30.

COULDN'T DECLINE ROCKEFELLER GIFT

Prudential Committee of American Board of Foreign Missions Says It Has Already Forwarded Part of the \$100,000.

Boston, March 29.—The report of the sub-committee of the prudential committee of the American Board of Foreign Missions on the protest against receiving \$100,000 from John D. Rockefeller was made public this afternoon. The report was adopted by the prudential committee as its own view, although final action was postponed for two weeks.

The report says that the gift was accepted and \$41,500 of it has already been forwarded. The report closes with the statement of the committee that it has no right to decline the gift.

A PATHETIC CASE.

Aged Couple Found Guilty of Setting Fire to House.

Rutland, March 29.—The jury in the county court case of the state against Mr. and Mrs. Robert Todd, the aged couple who were charged with burning the farm buildings of Bela Churchill of North Chittenden, returning a verdict at 9:45 o'clock last night, finding both of the old people guilty and recommending clemency. The case has been a very pathetic one, owing to the age of Mr. and Mrs. Todd, the former being 76 and the latter 80 years of age. The old people who were charged of the town of Chittenden, and were being boarded by Mr. Churchill, were charged with setting fire to the house on the night of October 2 last, all of the farm buildings being burned.

FOUR DEATHS REPORTED.

Explosion of Three Powder Mills at Schaghticoke, N. Y.

Albany, N. Y., March 29.—Four men are reported to have been killed in the explosion of three powder mills owned by the Dupont Powder company at Schaghticoke, near Troy, yesterday afternoon.

The mills were new ones, having just been erected on the site of the old mills blown up about a year ago, two people being killed at the time. The bodies of the men were blown 300 feet from the wreck, and the windows of every house in the vicinity were shattered. The offices of the company are located at Hazardville, Conn.

DENIED BY GOV. BELL.

Says the State Prison Rumor Is Unfounded.

With reference to Mrs. Rogers and the stories being printed in various papers as to her delicate condition, Governor Bell says: "I have received word direct from the matron at the state prison and those stories are not true." Governor Bell had no idea where such rumors started, but said that he began to hear them shortly after the reprieve was granted, some going so far as to say that the reprieve was granted because of her condition.

PLAINFIELD.

E. H. Kiser was in Montpelier Tuesday.

Fred Beaulac was in Montpelier Tuesday.

George Leavitt was in Montpelier on Tuesday.

Miss Clara Buelee was in Montpelier Tuesday.

Charles Lowe of Montpelier was in town Tuesday.

The farmers report not a very good sugar season this year.

Miss Carrie Tucker is at home from work in East Montpelier.

R. G. Battles of Montpelier was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Hans Fredrickson and daughter, Jennie, were in Montpelier Tuesday.

Mrs. George Wells of St. Albans is spending a week at the home of Fred Perrin.

F. W. Tucker left for Boston this morning to be gone for a few days on business.

Miss Dorothy Smith, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alson Smith, is quite ill.

Mrs. Fred Persons of Barre is in town visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gray.

Carlisle Wells of Cambridge is visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bure Wells.

L. Bart Cross of Montpelier was in town Tuesday afternoon looking at H. E. Cutler's horses.

Phiny F. Morse of Montpelier seminary is at home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Morse.

George F. Whitaker of Lisbon, N. H., spent Sunday in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Whitaker.

A masquerade and dance will be held in the hotel hall, Friday evening, March 31st. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Miss Helen Martin, a student at Goddard seminary, is at home for three weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Martin.

Dr. D. B. Smith returned from Burlington Tuesday, where for the past two weeks he has been with his wife, who underwent an operation last week at the Mary Fletcher hospital. Dr. Smith reports that she is doing nicely.

Mrs. Gilbert Smith, who was operated upon at the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington Monday morning, died in the evening at 11 o'clock. She is survived by a husband, two children, a girl aged 11 years, and a boy aged eight years, also three sisters and a brother. Her parents are both living. Mrs. Smith was 29 years old, and before her marriage was a Plainfield girl. The funeral will be held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Bemis. The burial will be in the Center cemetery at 3 p. m., Thursday afternoon.

MELANCHOLY FOR A YEAR

William H. Hammond Killed Himself Today

IN A NEW YORK HOTEL

Deceased Was Engaged in Real Estate Business With Henry W. Savage, Well Known Theatrical Man—Revolver Used.

New York, March 29.—William H. Hammond of Brookline, Mass., committed suicide at the Astor House this morning by shooting. The only cause known is melancholy, from which he has suffered since the death of his wife a year ago. Hammond was engaged in the real estate business with Henry W. Savage, a well known theatrical man.

CAPITALIZED AT \$50,000.

Ascutey Granite Company Files Articles of Association.

Montpelier, March 29.—Association papers were filed at the secretary of state's office today of the Ascutey Granite company, located at Windsor, for the purpose of quarrying and manufacturing granite. The capital stock is \$50,000, divided into 500 shares. Of these Joseph C. Enright of Windsor has 492 shares, J. W. Enright of Medford, Mass., has three and J. H. Kinney, F. S. Hale and K. R. Buck, all of Windsor, have one each.

OPENING INDEFINITE.

Not Known When the State Investigating Committee Will Resume.

Montpelier, March 29.—Attorney General Pitt was in town today on his way to Essex county court to assist the state's attorney in the conduct of the Bronson murder trial. He said that it was uncertain when the state investigating committee would get to work again because of the illness of one of the members, Col. N. G. Williams of Bellows Falls.

THREE TIMES WINNER.

Mail Carriers Shine on the Bowling Alleys With Clerks.

The mail clerks defeated the clerks last evening for the third time in a series of four bowling games played. The mail clerks took two out of three strings and were 76 pins ahead in the game total. Drer of the mail clerks was high man of the evening, having a single total of 231 and a three string total of 523.

The scores:

MAIL CLERKS.			
Spear	161	152	157—470
Converse	98	133	129—360
Lewis	218	179	108—505
Dyer	154	221	148—523
Houghton	148	167	123—438

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CLERKS.

Lewis	209	113	193—515
Briggs	136	126	124—396
Austin	102	123	169—393
Fraser	154	140	137—431
Averill	171	140	128—439

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THE COLTS WON.

Took Three Straight Games from the Hot Airs at Montpelier.

At the Montpelier bowling alleys last evening the Dewey Colts took three straight games from the Hot Airs, with the scores as follows:

Dewey's Colts	730	816	569—2115
Hot Airs	687	773	857—2316

WILLIAM TRAIL.

Fourteen Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Trail Died in Hospital.

William Trail, aged fourteen years and eight months, died about 5 o'clock last evening at the Heaton hospital, Montpelier, from the effects of an operation performed on him yesterday morning for disease of the hip bone. He had been sick about a year and a half and was taken to the hospital 12 days ago for the operation performed yesterday. The shock was too much for his weakened system and he failed to rally. The body was brought to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Trail of Hooker Hill, last night in R. W. Hooker & Co's ambulance.

The funeral will be held from the Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon, Rev. C. E. Freeman officiating. The interment will be in Elmwood cemetery.

Body Found in Cellar.

Rutland, March 29.—Charles Preadom, one of the oldest residents of Proctor, was found dead in his cellar last night. Heart disease was probably the cause. He leaves a widow and eight children.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

The regular meeting of the Central Labor Union of Barre and vicinity will be held in Carpenters' hall, Nichols' block, on Friday evening, March 31st, at 7:30 o'clock. As business of great importance will come before this meeting every delegate is requested to be in attendance.

Fred Bruce, President.

Alex. Ironside, Secretary.

THE MAYOR'S FIRST VETO

Returns Resolution Fixing Salary of Firemen

AND NUMBER OF CALL MEN

Without His Approval—Veto Sustained by the Board of Aldermen by Vote of 4 to 2—The Mayor's Reasons for Veto.

Mayor Barclay sent his first veto to the board of aldermen last evening, in which he returned without his approval the resolution fixing the salaries of the permanent firemen at \$65 a month and the number of callmen at 30. This resolution was adopted by the board at its meeting on March 21st and was as follows:

"Resolved, that the salaries of the captain, drivers, hook and ladder men and hose men who shall be appointed to positions on the permanent fire department shall be sixty-five (65) dollars per month payable monthly, the permanent force shall consist of five men including captain and drivers. The salaries of the call men shall be thirty-five (35) dollars per annum payable semi-annually. There shall be 30 call men who shall answer all bell-alarms and shall be subject to all the rules and regulations governing the department."

The mayor's veto was sustained by a vote of 4 to 2. Mine, Sowden, Burke and Adie voting to sustain the mayor, and McKennie and Albisetti voting to pass the resolution over the mayor's veto. The matter will now have to come up for reconsideration, and it was voted that the question of salaries be considered in the committee of the whole. This was the only business considered at last night's meeting. It was expected the mayor would make the balance of his appointments, as this was the last regular meeting of the month, and the terms of the present officials expire April 1st, but no names were presented.

THE MAYOR'S VETO.

Mr. Barclay's Reasons for Not Approving \$65 a Month Salaries.

Mayor Barclay's veto in full follows: "To the Honorable Board of Aldermen: Gentlemen: On March 21st inst., you passed a resolution that the salaries of captain, drivers, hook and ladder men and hose men, who should be appointed to positions in the permanent fire department, should be sixty-five dollars per month, and that the number of such men should be five, including captain and drivers. The same resolution provided that call men should be paid thirty-five dollars per annum. So far as the call men are concerned, I agree with the aldermen that thirty-five dollars would be proper compensation, but would suggest that twenty, instead of thirty, be the number of call men. You will see by the tables heretofore given to the city of Burlington, with a population of 10,000, has twenty call men; Rutland with a population of 12,000 has twenty call men; St. Albans with a population of 7,000 has twenty call men. I cannot see why our city should require more call men than the above mentioned places. Our business blocks are encompassed in a radius of a little over one quarter of a mile; none of them high, compared with buildings in large cities. We ought to start out with a reasonable number of permanent and call men; if we find more are required to do good service, we can add to their number, but to take from, is not so easily done.

It is with regret that I find myself unable to approve of the salary of sixty-five dollars for the captain, drivers, etc. I regret this the more because it is the first instance since I have held the office of mayor when I have returned a resolution without my approval. I have intended, and intend, as far as possible in regard to this matter, to make my judgment conform with the board of aldermen, since they share the responsibility of any action with me. But an investigation of this matter has led me, with all due respect to the judgment of the aldermen, to ask them to give it further and careful reconsideration. The reasons that have led me to this course are quite numerous and I will not attempt to give them all. First: The position of a permanent member of the fire department is in many respects a desirable employment; the firemen work under healthy surroundings and are well housed in inclement weather when on duty, unless there should chance to be a call. Second: The duties of his position are not physically exacting. By the report of the chief of the fire department, there were twenty-eight calls during the past year. If we allow two hours as the average time for these calls, it would make fifty-six hours for their actual service in attendance upon fires, or two days and eight hours. If last year is taken as an average year, it will be seen that during nearly three hundred and sixty-three days out of every three hundred and sixty-five days, five men will have nothing to do, except to look after the station, teams and apparatus, and such duties as examining buildings, etc., as may be assigned to them. These duties certainly are not severe. The expense to a fireman for clothes, etc., would be less than the average granite cutter, while he will work under better sanitary and healthful conditions. Third: In a place where the build-

ings are low and small, as in a small city like ours, the occupation of a fireman is not particularly hazardous. If you will look at the history of the department, you will find that very few accidents have happened to firemen while in attendance upon fires.

In view of the small portion of each year when he is in actual attendance upon fires, I do not think that his employment is as hazardous as that of the ordinary employee in the principal vocations of the city. As you know, a granite cutter, lumber, carpenter or a teamster are subjected to risks almost hourly, and I think that it may be fairly said that any one of these vocations are more hazardous than that of a fireman in a city like ours.

Fourth: The pay proposed is above the average of the different callings of the city. A good fireman, if in good health, needs to lose very little, if any time. There will be no shut downs that will throw him out of employment, nor will he have to shift about from one situation to another on account of scarcity of work; nor is his calling one that is dependent upon the different seasons of the year, as is largely true of carpenters and masons and other like callings. The pay would be in addition to lodging that would be furnished free of expense to him, and this (free lodging) would be in the nature of an additional compensation. If we take the highest paid body of men—for instance the granite cutters—I think it will be found true that the average cutter does not average seven hundred and eighty-five dollars a year, deducting the time for enforced idleness. If we take the other callings like that of the carpenters, lumpers, clerks, etc., from among whom candidates may be named, and probably will be chosen, if qualified, without distinction of calling, we will find that the pay of sixty-five dollars per month is much above the average.

It comes to this, then, that people who have not so desirable calling in many respects as that of fireman, and whose income is more meagre than that proposed for firemen, will have to pay taxes out of a lesser income and smaller opportunities for continuous work, in order to support firemen on higher wages in a more favorable employment. We occupy a position of trust between the tax payers and that of the employees of the city, and we are bound under our oaths to a prudential and economical administration of the affairs of the city. Would we be doing our duty to support the firemen out of the hard earnings of less favored citizens with so liberal a compensation as is proposed by this resolution?

Fifth: As we are aware, our city is heavily burdened with expenses in proportion to its grand list. It is probably true that no other city in this state has so little wealth per capita as our city. We have few, if any persons who can be called rich people. The result is, that the common people, working under common conditions and receiving less compensation for more laborious labor than is required of the firemen, will have to pay the city employees more than the average wage of other vocations in the city. It is true that many of our citizens feel that the city could not afford at the present time to incur the expense that now appears necessary for building and equipping a new fire station and maintaining a paid fire department. Our sister city of Montpelier, with a much larger grand list and a lower rate of taxation has not yet found it prudent to establish such a department as we have done; and insurance rates have not been raised because of the want of things that we have supplied.

By looking at the estimated expenses for 1905, as made by the finance committee.

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PARLOR DRUG STORE SOLD.

C. H. Kendrick & Co. the Purchasers—Possession Given Today.

Owing to their increasing trade at the Red Cross Pharmacy and the need of the services of both proprietors at store, Messrs. Rickert & Wells have disposed of the Parlor Drug store to C. H. Kendrick and E. A. Prindle, under the firm name of C. H. Kendrick & Co. The new firm took possession today. Mr. Kendrick will have full charge. He is well known in Barre, having for a number of years conducted the Red Cross Pharmacy, which he sold out to Rickert & Wells four years ago yesterday. Since selling out Mr. Kendrick has been employed most of the time as prescription druggist in Boston. He is well known in Barre and his friends will be glad to see him back in Barre in business again.

A VALUABLE LETTER.

Written from Lincoln to Gov. Hahn on Exhibition in Badger's Window.

A. W. Badger & Company have on exhibition at their store the original letter written by Abraham Lincoln from the White House March 13, 1864, to Hon. Michael Hahn the first free state governor of Louisiana. In the letter Mr. Lincoln congratulates Mr. Hahn on his election as first governor and suggests that Mr. Hahn consider the matter of right of suffrage to the colored people, especially, he writes, "those who are most intelligent and those who fought so bravely in our ranks." The interesting letter is the property of John M. Crampton of New London, Conn., and he has refused \$1,000 for it.

SEWER CAVES IN.

Quite a Hole Washed in Street at North Barre Last Night.

The main sewer caved in on North Main street at North Barre last night and before the work of repair could begin today had washed quite a hole in the street at this point. The street railway braced its trucks and was able to run its cars over the hole this forenoon, but this afternoon one car was left on this side and all passengers transferred around the washout. The work of repair will be slow and tedious.

SOCIAL EVENTS OF AN EVENING

Athena Club Entertained By Husbands of the Members

AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET

Philomathians Proved Charming Hostesses for Over the Tea Cups and Clover Clubs—Scotland's Famous Contralto, Tina Crawford, at Opera House.

The seventh annual banquet of the Athena club, which was held last evening, was most unique in that the arrangements were left entirely with the husbands of the members of the club, the ladies being unaware even of the place at which the banquet was to be held. At eight o'clock, however, they were escorted to Eureka restaurant where, as they entered, they were welcomed by the sweet strains of Gilbertson's orchestra of seven pieces, which discoursed charming music throughout the evening.

The company were seated at the table, which was prettily decorated with carnations, and for three hours did full justice to the elaborate menu which was spread before them. The menu was as follows:

Celery	Cold Boiled Ham	Cold Tongue
Lemonade, Hot or Cold		
Athena Waiters		
Conundrum Soup	Plain Wafers	
Baked Halibut	Tomato Sauce	
Chicken Patties	Cranberry Sauce	
Stuffed Vermont Turkey	Jelly	
Roast Veal	with Dressing	
Cream Mashed Potatoes		
Hot Rolls		
Cranberry Beans	Corn and Pease	
Apple Pie	Custard Pie	
Vanilla Ice-Cream		
Chocolate Cake	Sponge Cake	
Cream Cake		
Tea	Coffee	Cocoa
Oranges	Apples	Nuts
Raisins		

ENTERTAINMENT

New Vermont Maple Sugar

Plain Raised Doughnuts

Pickles

The company listened to the following programme, each number of which was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Selection, DeKoven, orchestra; reading, selected, J. Ward Carver; tone poem, Bendix; reading, selected, J. Ward Carver; corned solo—Pleasant Memories—Binn; selection, orchestra.

Much credit is due the gentlemen for the great success of the whole affair and especially the committee who had the matter in charge, G. L. Bates, C. L. Bugbee and J. Burton. Too much also cannot be said in praise of the supper served by Laird and Wheeler.

CLUB WOMEN MINGLE.

Philomathians Entertained Members of Over the Tea Cups and Clover Clubs.

Over the Tea Cups club and the Clover club were the guests of the Philomathians ladies last evening, and the occasion was a most delightful one. The meeting was with Miss Wright at the home of Dr. J. Henry Jackson.

A musical programme was given, being devoted to two composers, Nevil and McDowell. Papers on the lives of the two men were read by Mrs. Bibbee. Several piano selections from among their compositions were rendered by Miss Alice Averill and Mrs. Ballard, and Mrs. Harris gave the vocal selections.

Ice cream and cake and a social hour followed. Quotations were read by each lady from cards bearing a dainty decoration of pussy willows.

This interchange of courtesies between the clubs is a great benefit to the work the club ladies are doing both socially and mentally, and is much enjoyed by all.

WERE ARTISTS, INDEED.

Miss Crawford, Scotland's Greatest Contralto, and Miss Hyde Please Barre Audience.

About three hundred people were entertained in the Barre opera house last evening with beautifully sung Scotch melodies and finely read Scotch stories. The charming entertainers were Miss Tina Crawford, called Scotland's greatest contralto, and Miss Agnes Hyde, elocutionist. The successful entertainment was given under the auspices of Clan Gordon, No. 13, Order of Scottish Clans, and the clausmen were to be congratulated on securing such high class artists as Miss Crawford and Miss Hyde. A crowded house should have greeted them.

Miss Crawford has a wonderfully strong and clear contralto voice naturally suited to Scotch melodies, which she rendered with great power and feeling, holding the audience spellbound. Each time when she had finished their appreciation burst out in a furor and she was obliged to respond to two and three encores after each of her selections. No less did Miss Hyde please her hearers with her humorous selections, given mostly in the Scotch dialect, which she spoke perfectly and naturally. Her reading of Robert Burns' "Cotter's Saturday Night," was excellent and was one of the best parts of the programme.

The entertainment was opened with a piano selection by S. Hollister Jackson, who was accompanied for the evening. "Dark Lechnagat" was then sung by Miss Crawford and for an encore she sang "Annie Laurie." Miss Hyde kept the audience in a roar of laughter with

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